GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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REGULATION OF COURIER SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to appoint Mail Regulatory and Development Authority to regulate mail sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to regulate Courier services which are now permitted through Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) route;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b)` There is a proposal to amend the Indian Post Office Act, 1898. The proposal inter alia envisages appointing a Mail Regulatory and Development Authority to regulate mail sector in the country. The proposal is at conceptual stage.

(c) & (d) The proposal to amend the Indian Post Office Act, 1898 envisages registration of every courier company operating in the mail sector. The proposal is at conceptual stage.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) & (d) above.